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SUBJ: BAHAMAS FOREIGN RELATIONS

1. MIAMI HERALD APRIL 7 CARRIES ARTICLE ON BAHAMA BASE NEGOTIATIONS AND RELATIONS WITH CUBA, EVIDENTLY BASED ON INTERVIEW WITH PINDLING AND ADDERLEY.

2. ON BASES, ARTICLE STATES AT A CONFERENCE IN NASSAU THIS SPRING THE PM AND HIS EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER WILL SEEK PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT ON A NEW TREATY FOR EXISTING US DEFENSE INSTALLATIONS ON THE ISLANDS. ADDERLEY IS QUOTED AS SAYING QTE WE DON' T VISUALIZE ANY PROBLEMS ON THE RESOLUTION OF THESE MATTERS. THEY WON' T BE DRAWN- OUT NEGOTIATIONS. IF WE DON' T WANT THEM TO BE DIFFICULT, THEY WON' T BE. UNQTE

3. ON CUBA, THE ARTICLE REPORTS THAT PINDLING AND ADDERLEY EXPECT TO MEET WITH CASTRO " IN THE NEAR FUTURE." (THE ARTICLE THEN REFERS TO THE ARCHIPELAGO THEORY.) QTE WE DON' T HAVE PLANS TO TALK TO CUBA ON ANYTHING OTHER THAN SEA BOUNDARIES AND FISHING RIGHTS. WE HAVE A COMMON INTEREST WITH THEM ON THIS UNQTE ADDERLEY IS QUOTED AS REMARKING.

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